

Cuyamaca hosts annual volunteer outreach events on Earth Day and in October. Check the website often for notices of work parties that may include sponsored meals and camping.



*Earth Day 2004 – repairing trail erosion due to the Cedar Fire.*

## Helping the park; helping visitors.

We'd love for you to join our volunteer family. But if you can't make that commitment just yet, there are still plenty of ways you can help the park and have fun.

Visit [www.cuyamaca.us](http://www.cuyamaca.us) to see schedules and special events information.

Or sign up to work on trails for a morning. You (and any friends you bring) will each get two free day use passes for future park visits.

## Cuyamaca Rancho State Park



## Volunteers in Parks

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## Volunteer Opportunities



# Your mountain park needs community volunteers like you.

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park has over 100 volunteers from all over San Diego County. They use their own talents and park-provided training to assist park staff in many ways.

Volunteers help welcome and educate visitors, patrol trails, help campers enjoy their mountain adventure, maintain the trails, and prepare firewood.

The Volunteers-in-Parks (VIP) program is organized into units, each with its own specialty, uniform, and training. Most units ask that volunteers contribute at least four hours per month.

Benefits to volunteers include free parking, monthly newsletter, annual banquet, awards based on hours worked, and camping in quiet volunteers-only sites.

## Meet the VIP Units

### Mountain Bike Assistance Unit

patrols the many miles of multi-use trails in Cuyamaca. They are ambassadors who educate other riders on biking etiquette and park rules, using courtesy and knowledge. MBAU volunteers also help with trail repair work and stage the annual Mountain Bike Benefit Ride.



**Interpreters Assistance Unit** has diverse duties: patrolling trails, staffing the Visitor Center and our two Park Stores, and leading interpretive activities such as campfire talks and nature hikes.



Volunteers may specialize in their preferred area or do a bit of everything to deepen their understanding of the Park, its resources, and history.



**Mounted Assistance Unit** volunteers ride their own horses or mules to patrol equestrian trails. They assist and educate visitors and use their trail knowledge to report trail hazards. They stage the annual Equestrian Benefit Ride.

They are the oldest unit, founded in 1976.

Camp Hosts are extra-special volunteers who live in the Park in their own motor homes. In addition to greeting and assisting campers, Camp Hosts often take on other duties such as recycling and preparing firewood for sale in the campgrounds. Couples often volunteer together as Hosts.



**Trails Maintenance Unit** is unique in CA State Parks. They clear and repair trails with guidance from park specialists. Some TMU volunteers receive special training in use of equipment such as chain saws and brush cutters; Others help with resource protection.



**Mail this form, drop it off at the Visitor Center, or contact Ranger Bob Hillis (see other side).**

**Name (please print clearly)**

**evening phone number**

**E-mail address**

**I'm interested in volunteering in:**

- Mountain Bike MBAU**
- Mounted (horse) MAU**
- Camp Host Unit**
- Trails TMU**
- Interpretive IAU**